

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 22, 2023 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm, Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Cindy Evans, Lisa Stokes, Wayne Noble, Sonia Maset, Steve Laidlaw, David Laing, Alina Grzejszczak, Polly Thornham, Giselle Vaziri, Peter Ladouceur, Peter Bolton, Barry Lavalee, Dayle Laing, Gord Simpson, Gerald Pyjor, Sandra Roppa, Bruce Marshall, George Sheppardley, Mohamed Roshdy, Tyron Nimalakumar, Gary Banhan

Ewa Milewska, Lina Yee, Heidi Berki,

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

[January minutes](#) – edited as per Wayne. Steve moved, approved

Brampton City Update

1. **Brampton ATAC** – Official Committee of Council changing name from Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee (BCAC) to Brampton Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC). Volunteer applications due Feb 28th. Committee has been meeting monthly unofficially since Aug 2022. Staff has kindly continued to support.
2. **Bike lanes** –
 - a. City will try signage and painted arrows on pavement to indicate correct right turn lane for cars, so they avoid entering the bike lane. eg. Howden eastbound @Dixie, and Peter Robertson eastbound @Sunny Meadow. **Action:** members to see if painted arrows change behaviour.
 - b. Centre Street speed cushions (Linkdale to Queen). Discussion about cushions encouraging some drivers to veer into bike lane to avoid having all 4 wheels deflected. Emergency vehicles would miss the cushions. Since this is a ‘moving violation’, police would have to catch driver veering. It is not a By-Law infraction (limited to parking, not moving). We have observed that SUVs and trucks are not slowed by these speed cushions and barely register any vertical deflection.
3. **Strategic Communications & By-law** – David, Dayle met with Staff from AT, Strat Comm and By-Law to discuss how BikeBrampton can assist the City to provide better communication with residents about bike lanes, illegal bike

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lane parking. This was in response to our meeting with Mayor Brown on Dec 27th. [Meeting Summary](#) When bike lanes have been installed, 60,000 homes were targeted with mailers and 130,000 followed on social media. Discussion about focusing more on benefits of bike lanes and celebrating the installations. Need for data to demonstrate reduced collisions / severity. Develop infographic on benefits that are Brampton specific. Traffic cameras have slowed speeds 5-15 kph. Discussion about graduated illegal parking fines, and the use of “penalty notices” (warnings). By-law bike unit to be redeployed (curbed during COVID). Discussion about branding our trails for better navigation for locals & tourists. **Action:** David/Dayle to report at next meeting.

4. [Toronto Outdoor Adventure and Travel Show](#) – Feb 24,25,26th International Centre – We are looking for volunteers for 3 hour shifts at Brampton tourism/cycling booth. We will be next door to Caledon’s booth. Volunteer responsibilities and map to be supplied. First bike show since the pandemic. Expect it to be smaller but well attended.
5. **Community Rides** – Lisa reported we have 14 themed rides. Ride names, dates are posted on [City website](#) and on [BikeBrampton website](#). New ATAC will take the lead on developing. Volunteers will be needed for leading, marshalling and sweeping.
6. **AT Annual Report to Council** – Mar 8th – Dayle reported that Staff will be delegating to Council with review of 2022 and plans for 2023. Any members who can attend in person or virtually are welcome. We plan to delegate.
7. **Earth Day** – Apr 22nd, Norton Place Park. We are looking for volunteers to once again, lead cyclists in from different locations and work at BB booth. There will be free food, keynote by Sara Syed, and exhibitors. **Action:** mark your calendar. Better weather guaranteed this year (LOL)!

Regional Update

1. **Regional Infrastructure Discussion** – Lisa reported follow up to her meeting with David and ROP Director Terri Ricketts. Lisa has been working on this issue for a year now, since she delegated last April. The Region endorsed [Peel Vision Zero Road Safety strategy](#):
 - a. In today's Vision Zero jurisdictions, we base our decisions on these

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considerations:

- b. Human beings make mistakes, so transportation systems are to be designed to be forgiving.
- c. Safety is prioritized over other factors such as cost, speed, delay, level of service, and convenience.
- d. Life and health cannot be exchanged for other societal benefits.
- e. Safety takes precedence over cost-benefit analysis.
- f. This approach will not only prevent collisions from happening in the first place, but also will minimize the consequences of the collisions that do take place.

[OTM Book 18](#) was recently updated from 160 pages to over 400 pages. It details cycling design and construction. Ideally right turn channels should not exist because they have resulted in significant collisions. They facilitate faster traffic but reduce visibility and therefore safety for drivers and cyclists. The Region has focused on goods movement, put in multi-use paths, and rarely bike lanes. The new elongated islands separate cyclists and pedestrians. The turning angle of the new 'smart channels' lowers driving speed, improves sight lines and allows for pedestrian crosswalks and crossrides. Right turn channels along Bovaird are in the process of being removed from Hwy #10 to #410, with exception of the ones at Kennedy and at #10, which do not have sufficient room. Intersections will be designed to the new standard. If design details were finalized prior to OTM Book 18 revision, then the old design will prevail.

Lisa showed photos and a video of the smart channel intersection at Advance Blvd and Steeles that consists of a raised truck apron & painted hash marks. She and Barry observed that every right-turning driver drove over the paint. The viewing angle is improved, more so if they avoid the paint.

Cyclists should not be considered only "if there is room". A raised truck apron does alert drivers. Rumble strips discussed and rejected due to noise. Driving over paint is an enforcement issue, but it is not illegal! We must insist on better design since enforcement is not practical and should not replace proper design.

Action: members to keep an eye on Regional designs and installations so we

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can continue to work with the Region on constructive improvements.

2. **CCP** – Sonia reported CCP final report, is almost completed. The RFP (tender) for 2023 was submitted Feb 14th. Different Spokes has exceeded our expectations so far!
3. **Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** – Sonia reported DIY hours at M W F 3:00-8:00pm. [Register to attend DIY, Workshops and Rides time slots](#). She is looking for a coordinator to manage the mentor (Pedalwise) program and to assess people’s needs. Sonia wants to have bike parts drawn on chalk board to help with BikeWrx education.
4. **ROP Delegation** – David & Rahul from Sustainable Mississauga delegated on Jan 26th [Building a Transportation System that is Sustainable](#). The budget was presented by Staff. Cycling mode share data presented was not in line with published numbers. David is following up with Staff to determine why the discrepancies.

BikeBrampton Projects

1. **Bike Parking update** – Steve reported he used covered bike parking facilities at Bramalea GO.
2. **Know Your Rights Workshop** – The Biking Lawyer, Dave Shellnut gave BikeBrampton a legal workshop on Feb 8th 6-7pm. Different Spokes was filled to capacity for this valuable event. [BikeBrampton blog post](#), [The Biking Lawyer blog post](#).

Caledon Update

1. Wayne reported AT Task Force committee application deadline is Feb 27th. Committee has been working unofficially. They are developing the Town’s first ATMP, focusing on future connections. Budget goes to Council next week, where 20 km of new routes are planned. Expected budget increase of 2.2 to 2.3%.
2. Wayne recommends getting rid of on-road route from Cataract to Inglewood. This is a critical gap in Trans Canada Trail and Greenbelt route.
3. **ECT North** - Question is how to get across Hwy #10 on Etobicoke Creek Trail. It is a culvert crossing now. There is interest in extending Dougall west through to #10, and west to Airport Road.
4. Lisa noted aggressive driving on Kennedy north of Mayfield, into Southfields.

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Wayne reported that OPP issued 31 tickets in 16km stretch. One driver was caught doing 120 kph on Kennedy at #410 overpass.

EVENTS:

Different Spokes Rides & Workshops

Winter Ride meet at Vivian Lane, **Sat March 11th at 1:00pm**

BikeWrX Workshops 6-8pm, Different Spokes:

Mon Mar 20th 6-8pm – Get your Bearings (advanced class)

Wed Mar 22nd 4-6pm – Intro to Repair

Wed Mar 29th 6-8pm – Gears & Shifters

Wed Apr 5th – 6-8pm - Brakes

[Registration to attend free events](#)

[Bike Fest, Outdoor Adventure Show](#) – Feb 24-26th

International Centre 10am-6pm daily. Closes 5pm Sunday.

[Coldest Night of the Year](#) – Feb 25th

George reported this 5km walk will raise money for Regeneration Outreach Community

Earth Day – Apr 22nd

Norton Place Park – volunteers will lead ride-ins and work at BB booth (George, Lisa, Dayle, Cindy) – details to follow.

[Bike the Creek](#) - Jun 10th

Check the [website](#). Registration open soon!

Caledon Day / Velocity ride – Jun 17th

CCS Velocity by Caledon Community Services, in support for Caledon Seniors. 10, 25, 50, 100km routes. Headline Shopdogs band, starts from Town Hall. [Early bird registration](#) open now.

Adjourn

Next meeting March 22, 2023 – 6:30-8:30pm
